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The American Academy of Nurse Practitioners Certification Program is happy to report that we have completed another successful year providing certifications to Adult, Family, and Gerontologic nurse practitioners. Nurse practitioners (ANP, GNP, and FNP) who have completed an accredited masters, postmasters, or higher to include DNP are eligible to take the exams in their respective area of specialization. The examinations are developed in cooperation with Professional Examination Services (PES), a not for profit organization with over 50 years experience in the development and administration of national licensing and certification examinations specializing in health related fields. The programs are accredited by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies and recognized by the State Boards of Nursing, Medicare, Medicaid, the Veterans Administration, and private managed care organizations, institutions, and agencies for credentialing purposes.

The examinations test clinical knowledge in the areas of assessment, diagnosis, formulation and implementation of treatment plans, and evaluation and follow up of primary health care issues. The family nurse practitioner examination covers knowledge in the area of prenatal, pediatric, adolescent, adult, geriatric, and frail elderly primary care. The adult nurse practitioner examination covers knowledge in the area of late adolescent, adult, geriatric, and frail elderly primary care. The gerontologic examination covers knowledge in geriatric and frail elderly primary care. Knowledge of health promotion and disease prevention, diagnosis, and management of acute episodic and chronic illness in the primary care setting is tested. Participants are expected to apply knowledge of pathophysiology, pharmacology, psychology, and sociology to the process utilized in the assessment, diagnosis, and management of patients in their care.

Since beginning the certification program in 1993 and as of the end of 2009, AANPCP had awarded a total of 28,925 certifications as Family Nurse Practitioners (FNP), Adult Nurse Practitioners (ANP) and Gerontologic Nurse Practitioners (GNP). A total of 3,644 applicants took the exams in 2009. This included 2,790 FNPs, 816 ANPs, and 38 GNPs. The overall pass rate for the FNP exam was 93.66%, the ANP was 88.85%, and the GNP was 92.11%. This resulted in 3,373 NPs being awarded certification by AANPCP in 2009. This was the last year that we offered the computer based testing (CBT) exams in predetermined windows.

We are pleased to announce that we now offer continuous CBT testing throughout the year with an individualized 120 day window of opportunity to test at over 300 national testing sites. We also offer ONLINE application for initial exam, recertification, and verification of certification. This is available at our website: www.aanpcertification.org.

The certification program continues to maintain active participation in the National Organization of Certifying Agencies, the American Board of Nursing Specialties, the Consortium for Quality Nurse Practitioner Education, and the Alliance for Nursing Accreditation. It has continued to be an active participant on the APRN Consensus Work Group, and is a participating member of the Joint Dialogue Task Force with the National Council of State Boards of Nursing examining issues in advanced practice nursing regulation: licensure, accreditation, certification, and education.

Founded in 1993, the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners Certification Program is a free standing corporation governed by an elected Board of Commissioners and a consumer member appointed by the Commissioners. The commissioners for 2009 included Dr. Lorna Schumann, FNP (Idaho), Vickie Anderson, FNP (Utah), Wendy Thon FNP (Alaska), Dr. Patricia Bredenberg ANP (Maine), Dr. Greg Holm ANP (Florida), Dr. Lori Martin-Plank GNP (Pennsylvania), and Tara Federici (District of Columbia).



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Passing Rate Report

For Exams Taken 01/01/2009 - 12/31/2009

ADULT NURSE PRACTITIONER NATIONAL CERTIFICATION EXAMINATION SCORE REPORT

Score report indicates the standard state performance for the 2009 Adult Nurse Practitioners National Certification Examination. Standard scores are scores which permit comparison of performance among individuals taking the same examination.

FAMILY NURSE PRACTITIONER NATIONAL CERTIFICATION EXAMINATION SCORE REPORT

Score report indicates the standard state performance for the 2009 Family Nurse Practitioners National Certification Examination. Standard scores are scores which permit comparison of performance among individuals taking the same examination.

GERONTOLOGIC NURSE PRACTITIONER NATIONAL CERTIFICATION EXAMINATION SCORE REPORT

Score report indicates the standard state performance for the 2009 Gerontologic Nurse Practitioners National Certification Examination. Standard scores are scores which permit comparison of performance among individuals taking the same examination.

| Total Test Standard Score | % of Examinees in Total Group Scoring Lower |
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| 700 and above | 90 |
| 680 | 82 |
| 660 | 71 |
| 640 | 63 |
| 620 | 50 |
| 600 | 41 |
| 580 | 34 |
| 560 | 27 |
| 540 | 20 |
| 520 | 16 |
| 500 | 11 |
| 480 | 08 |

Total ANP Pass Rate 88.8%

| Total Test Standard Score | % of Examinees in Total Group Scoring Lower |
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| 700 and above | 87 |
| 680 | 75 |
| 660 | 66 |
| 640 | 54 |
| 620 | 45 |
| 600 | 34 |
| 580 | 27 |
| 560 | 19 |
| 540 | 14 |
| 520 | 10 |
| 500 | 06 |
| 480 | 05 |

Total FNP Pass Rate 93.7%

| Total Test Standard Score | % of Examinees in Total Group Scoring Lower |
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| 700 and above | 82 |
| 680 | 79 |
| 660 | 68 |
| 640 | 55 |
| 620 | 45 |
| 600 | 37 |
| 580 | 29 |
| 560 | 26 |
| 540 | 16 |
| 520 | 13 |
| 500 | 08 |
| 480 | 00 |

Total GNP Pass Rate 92.1%